



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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March 12, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF ONE (1) LIFEGUARD RESCUE BOAT (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of one (1) Lifeguard Rescue Boat at an estimated cost of \$675,000.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the District's request to authorize the Director of the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of one (1) Lifeguard Rescue Boat at an estimated cost of \$675,000.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS	CALABASAS	DIAMOND BAR	HIDDEN HILLS	LA MIRADA	MALIBU	POMONA	SIGNAL HILL
ARTESIA	CARSON	DUARTE	HUNTINGTON PARK	LA PUENTE	MAYWOOD	RANCHO PALOS VERDES	SOUTH EL MONTE
AZUSA	CERRITOS	EL MONTE	INDUSTRY	LAKEWOOD	NORWALK	ROLLING HILLS	SOUTH GATE
BALDWIN PARK	CLAREMONT	GARDENA	INGLEWOOD	LANCASTER	PALMDALE	ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	TEMPLE CITY
BELL	COMMERCE	GLENDORA	IRVINDALE	LAWNDALE	PALOS VERDES ESTATES	ROSEMEAD	WALNUT
BELL GARDENS	COVINA	HAWAIIAN GARDENS	LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	LOMITA	PARAMOUNT	SAN DIMAS	WEST HOLLYWOOD
BELLFLOWER	CUDAHY	HAWTHORNE	LA HABRA	LYNWOOD	PICO RIVERA	SANTA CLARITA	WESTLAKE VILLAGE
BRADBURY							WHITTIER

## ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 April 16, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In 1981, the Grand Jury recommended that Los Angeles County replace two (2) rescue boats each year during the next five (5) years (total of 10). Between 1984 and now, only 8 of the 10 recommended rescue boats have been replaced, the last one being in 2002. The Lifeguard Division still has two front-line boats that have in excess of 37 years of service.

The Lifeguard Division has a very comprehensive rescue boat maintenance program, which has kept the fleet in good operational readiness. A minimum of two hours per day are dedicated to vessel maintenance year-round. In the winter, it is common for rescue boat crews to dedicate entire work shifts to vessel upkeep and repair. Through the State of California Department of Boating & Waterways Grants, we have replaced all of our rescue boat engines and have a priority consideration commitment from Boating & Waterways to continue this engine grant program. The industry standard for replacing rescue boats is twenty (20) years. Through diligent maintenance and our engine replacement program, the Lifeguard Division has been able to operate its fleet well beyond the expected life of the vessels. However, the rescue boat that is being replaced is now over 37 years old and replacement can no longer be deferred.

The Lifeguard Division currently has nine (9) operational rescue boats and one (1) reserve to cover 72-miles of coastline, mid-channel, and Catalina. Over the last 30 years, our beach and boating activity has increased, and we now have four (4), 24-hour rescue boat operations: Marina del Rey, Avalon, Isthmus, and Port of Los Angeles, which were non-existent 30 years ago. Due to our 24-hour operations, and an increase in responses at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard (i.e., Alaska Airlines 261; post 9-11 homeland security issues; MOU with Coast Guard to provide EMS and search and rescue to distressed mariners from Point Conception to Seal Beach and 50 miles out to sea), we are putting far more hours on our boats than we have during the last several decades. We are the vital link in the marine environment adjacent to the entire Los Angeles County Coastline due in part to a limited number of other agencies and resources to cover 72 miles of coastline and Catalina.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The total estimated cost of the Lifeguard Rescue Boat is approximately \$675,000. The Lifeguard Budget Unit's 2012/13 budget includes sufficient appropriation for the purchase of this Lifeguard Rescue Boat.

Maintenance costs will be funded with Lifeguard Budget Unit's existing budget. Net County cost will be approximately 70% of the total purchase, and this has already been identified in the 2012/13 budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the County's Purchasing Agent. Therefore, your approval of this estimated \$675,000 expenditure is required.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County's Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the County's Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures established by the Internal Services Department.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The purchase of a rescue boat will greatly enhance the Lifeguard Division's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safe, efficient and cost-effective manner.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County  
Executive Office – Emergency Operations  
Chief Deputy Michael T. Metro  
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Internal Services Department  
Purchasing Division  
Gerald Plummer, Division Manager  
[gplummer@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:gplummer@isd.lacounty.gov)

Respectfully submitted,



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Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Internal Services Department